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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following remarks. This response is being filed concurrently with a petition for a 1-month extension of time.

In response to the Outstanding Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group III, drawn to claims 28 and 29 for prosecution. The Applicant also elect species consisting of a single stranded DNA having 40 wobbles at every position (40 nucleotides randomer oligonucleotide) each linked by a phosphorothioate linkage.

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In the event that there are any questions concerning this Response, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully,

Date: December 14, 2005By: 

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